



MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 19, 1904.

APPAIRS in Russia seem to be approaching an acute stage, revolutionary demonstrations having been made in St. Petersburg and Moscow, principal cities of the empire. Success so far has failed to crown the Czar's army in Manchuria, and day by day the Japanese are contracting their cordon around Port Arthur, the fleet at which place has been practically destroyed, or rendered useless. The safety of the Baltic fleet is by no means assured, as it is admitted that Admiral Togo's is its superior. With all these dismal surroundings, the portion of Poland grabbed by Russia many years ago is giving trouble. The description now in progress there is being resisted, and the most dismal reports are sent from that unhappy quarter. Many prefer to die in Poland fighting for liberty and independence to becoming food for Japanese cannon. In some towns of Poland wives of reservists have thrown themselves in front of the trains which transported their husbands to Russia, and were crushed to death. In three provinces the public has been fired on by Russian recruiting parties, and at Gostin, when an order was given to decimate the Polish reservists who refused to march, the Polish colonel, Dzwonkowski, blew out his own brains in front of his men. Contrary to the alleged orders of the Czar, fathers of families and widowers with families are taken without discrimination. One of them, on receiving marching orders, hanged his three children and then gave himself up to the military authorities, with the remark: "I had no one to leave them to." Another widower was sent for on the day of his wife's death. He thereupon killed both of his children, a girl of two years, and a new-born baby boy, with a hatchet, and placed them in their mother's coffin. In another case a father killed his wife, his children, and himself.

INDICATIONS are that the railroads themselves will agree to the establishment of an Interstate Commerce Court, to have jurisdiction over rates, to prevent any increase in the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and to shield them from more drastic legislation. They fear that the Interstate Commerce Commission might, in the course of time, be so constituted as to represent only the most rabid public sentiment against corporations. With a court whose members are appointed for life, and composed of men of character, the railroads think their interests would be safe. One reason for the attitude of the railroads is that they are being threatened with such drastic legislation by States, especially in the west that they are turning to the federal government to protect them from the indignation of men they formerly treated with high-handed contempt. As heretofore stated Mr. A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who last Friday discussed the matter with the President is now in accord with President Roosevelt upon the necessity for government supervision of railroad rates, and A. B. Stickney, president of the Chicago Great Western Railway, declared in an interview the same day that the government should regulate rates. When big railroad corporations fall they may always be relied upon to light on their feet.

THE members of the Steel Rail Association, in secret session at New York, last week decided to maintain the price of \$28 a ton on steel rails for delivery in 1905. They are enabled to take this stand by reason of the protective tariff. This is clearly shown by a letter written last week by Congressman Baker, of New York, to a Philadelphia concern in which he says:

I am in receipt of the printed sheet headed "The Wool Situation," which you sent me, and on which you have stamped: "Stand pat, revise tariff only when schedules can be proven unjust." As American steel rails have been sold at least two years and are now being sold in England, Canada, Egypt, Syria and elsewhere at from \$4 to \$8 a ton, less than they are sold by the same manufacturers to American users, and as Charles M. Schwab has asserted that English manufacturers cannot produce steel rails at less than \$19 a ton, as against a cost of \$12 in the United States, I would ask whether you consider the tariff of \$7.84 a ton an unjust tax? And whether you will join in a movement to put steel rails on the free list? Or will you refuse to do this, fearing that if the tariff on steel is removed it may lead to a reduction if not removal of the tariff on woolsens?

WHEN the Tidewater Ministerial Union enjoyed a Dutch treat dinner at the Atlantic Hotel in Norfolk last week they did not know how much trouble they were stowing away. The menus, as published in the papers, showed that banana fritters with rum sauce were served between the fillet of beef with mushrooms and the prime ribs au Jus. The ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union have taken notice, and the parsons are now explaining at

length. One says he knows the smell of rum, and he didn't notice it on the fritters; another said on the quiet that he wasn't going to let the presence of the spirits keep him from eating his fritters, and other explanations are being framed. This has all leaked out, and there's a merry time in church circles, all brought about, the uncharitable claim, because the women were not invited to dine with the parsons.

UNDER THE State law it is unlawful to hunt birds while the snow is on the ground. Dealers who purchase game at this time are violating the law as much as are the shooters. In the nature of things the birds being sold now must have been killed since snow has been on the ground. In Fredericksburg on Saturday a King Georgian was arrested by the game warden and fined by Mayor Wallace for killing and having in his possession partridges while snow was on the ground. The minimum fine was imposed because the offender was ignorant of the law. But this is no excuse and unless the game laws are rigidly enforced game will soon become extinct in Virginia.

THE President's attitude toward the South was discussed in an interview in Richmond on Saturday with Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, who quotes the President as saying: "If the South will wait two more years before passing judgment on me, I believe she will be satisfied as to my good intentions." Judging the future by the past it is feared that more than two times two years will be required for the southern people to become satisfied with Mr. Roosevelt's good intentions toward them.

SENSIBLE people do not need the doctors to apprise them that this is pneumonia weather. Cold and dampness are dangerous allies against health, and for a week or more they have been working their own sweet will with those who are compelled to venture out of doors. At this season eternal vigilance is the price of a merry Christmas out of bed.

THE Colorado Supreme Court has thrown out the vote of four Denver precincts giving to the republicans control of both houses of the State legislature. Had it been necessary they would have thrown out not only four precincts but four counties.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.

Mr. Worthington, counsel for Senator Alford, began the cross examination of Apostle Smith this morning. He said he had known A. P. McDonald who died recently and who had been charged with performing plural marriages in Mexico. "It came to the attention of President Snow," said the witness, that McDonald had been exercising the right to marry or seal persons in plural marriages. President Snow directed me to call him to account. I went to Mexico, but could find no evidence that any plural marriages had been solemnized. I told McDonald that if information came to me that he was authorizing plural marriages or attempting to perform them I would insist upon the local authorities dealing with him." Under the established rule of the church no person could secure a plural wife except by the consent of the President, but since the manifesto witness had never known of a case in which any President had ever given such authorization. Questioned about politics in Idaho and the statement that he had on behalf of the Mormon Church urged passage of the best sugar bounty law, Apostle Smith said that he had taken no part in securing the law's passage. Personally he had taken a strong stand on various political questions, but never, in addressing the people, had he claimed to be delivering a revelation or to be making any application of his church authority. To his knowledge no member of his church had ever attempted to make it appear that he was representing the church when he made political speeches. Witness said that he had taken part in the effort to repeal the test law in Idaho because he believed as the other Mormons did that the presence of that law on the statute books was a constant menace not only to their religious liberty but their rights as citizens of the United States. Questioned as to whether it would be possible for an apostle of the church to enter into a plural marriage without the knowledge of his associates, witness said: "I don't know, but I absolutely believe it would." "Would he lose standing in the church if he had entered into a plural marriage since 1890?" "If it should be absolutely demonstrated in the courts, he would, or, if it was demonstrated to his council, it would deal with him and he would be dismembered from the church."

The amended rules and regulations for steamboat inspection published today will be subject to the approval of Secretary Metcalf of the Department of Commerce and Labor, who held a hearing today, attended by representatives of various steamboat interests. Mr. Metcalf will during the next ten days give his attention to the matter and then approve such of the new rules as he sees fit. Upon his recommendation they will become law.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw had a narrow escape from death, or serious injury, this morning as he was crossing the street in front of the department. Car 25, of the Capital Traction Company, proceeding westward, struck the Secretary but luckily the fender worked promptly and picked him up. He was carried 25 or 30 feet and escaped uninjured.

Among the nominations sent to the Senate by the President today is that of Samuel S. Knabenshue, of Toledo, Ohio, to be consul at Belfast, Ireland. Col. J. J. O'Connell retired to be a brigadier general on the retired list.

The U. S. Supreme Court today advanced for argument the cases of Benson, Hyde and Diamond, the San Francisco land operators, who are opposing removal to the District of Columbia where they were indicted. The date set was February 20; Solicitor General

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News of the Day.

Mrs. Mary Andrews Clark, mother of Senator William A. Clark, died at her home, in Los Angeles, Cal., yesterday aged 92 years.

It is expected that every vacancy will be filled at the Naval Academy by the last of October and that there will be 983 midshipmen on the roll.

Several of the larger savings banks in New York city have announced that their rate of interest on deposits will be increased from 3½ to 4 per cent. on January 1.

In the arrest of Robert Baacklein, clerk in the Hotel Stratford, in New York, the police think they have a possible clue to the disappearance from the hotel on Thanksgiving Day of \$30,000 worth of gems belonging to Mrs. F. H. Benedict, of Washington.

The snowstorm and gales which struck the Atlantic coast Saturday continued until early yesterday morning. Many vessels were blown ashore and considerable damage resulted from collisions. A blizzard raged in New England, and many wires were prostrated. It is feared that serious marine disasters have occurred.

The defalcations of Elder Frank Obenchain, treasurer of Cass county, Ind., have proved so much more extensive than first supposed that they now threaten not only the bankruptcy of a dozen bondsmen, but the financial ruin of three or four business firms. The missing official is said to have misappropriated \$156,000.

The Inge-Boudant Infirmary at Mobile, Ala., was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Thirty-seven patients, the majority of whom were unable to assist themselves, were removed before the fire drove the doctors and nurses from the building. One patient, who had undergone an operation for appendicitis, died during the removal.

Senator Mitchell and Representative Binger Hermann, of Oregon, left Washington last night for Portland, to appear before the Federal grand jury and face charges which, they have been advised, have been made implicating them in Oregon land frauds. Both Senator Mitchell and Mr. Hermann declare in most positive terms that they are absolutely innocent and have nothing to fear from returning to Oregon.

T. Edward King, of Baltimore, was locked up at the Central Police Station in Pittsburgh yesterday afternoon after a struggle with the police, who had frustrated his attempt to kill Mr. Norman Clarke, an actress with the Alvin Stock Company there. King tried to shoot the woman down even while guarded by officers, and in the struggle he was beaten almost into insensibility by the detectives. He declared the woman is his wife and that she deserted him six weeks ago. He should have been allowed to kill her, he asserted vehemently, adding that he will kill her yet, once he gets out.

General Stoessel's latest report to the Emperor detailing the terrific assault by the Japanese which culminated in the capture of 203-Meter Hill, shows the desperate situation of the garrison and the heroic defense put up by the Russians. The report is interspersed with appeals for prayers for the devoted defenders. According to the statements of Japanese prisoners and Chinese, General Stoessel says the Japanese lost at least 200,000 men in their recent storming operations.

There are now 16,000 men in the line of forts, according to Commander Mizelzyr, who has just arrived at Chefoo from Port Arthur, and he admits there are 8,000 in the hospitals. All the generals except General Stoessel, the commander, live in the forts. Every building in the town has been damaged by the continuous bombardments. On the night of December 9 Japanese shells struck a hospital, killed seven patients and so frightened the others that they fled out into the snow. A number of soldiers died from exposure. General Stoessel has put all the people in the fortress upon rations sufficient to last three months.

The Russian battleship Sevastopol has been successfully torpedoed 10 times. Advice from Port Arthur say that she is aground and evidently completely disabled.

Major Kuhn, U. S. A., who was military attaché with the Japanese second army, has been reassigned to witness the fall of Port Arthur. Major Kuhn left Tokyo for Shinbashi yesterday.

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Virginia News.

Mrs. Thomas Muse Southgate died suddenly at the family residence, in Ghent, Norfolk, Saturday.

Dr. Thomas Nelson Page announces that he will give up, temporarily, his literary work and devote his attention to the cause of education in the South.

Leo Forst, who had been playing a leading role in the first production of Oscar Wilde's "Duchess of Padua," in Hamburg, suddenly became insane on the stage Saturday night.

While Moses Dooley, of Bedford Springs, a day or so ago was watering a colt, a horse came up and interfered. Mr. Dooley hit the horse over the head, whereupon the latter bit off Mr. Dooley's nose.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Lee, who were married December 19, 1814, in Amherst county, will celebrate their ruby wedding in Richmond to night. Mr. Lee is now eighty-five years old and his wife is seventy-six. Both are active and in fine health.

Lieutenant Charles M. Blackford, Sixth infantry, U. S. army, and Miss Clara L. Thompson, of Andover, Mass., will be married in February. Lieutenant Blackford is the son of Blackford, of Staunton, of the Western State.

A conference last night for four hours was held in the river, Mass., between representatives of the cotton manufacturers and their striking operatives, but no agreement was reached, and a settlement of the strike, involving 26,000 mill hands, appears as distant as ever.

Matthew A. Miller died in Richmond on Sunday aged seventy-four years. He served through the war as a captain of engineers. He was captured by Sherman and condemned to be shot, but made his escape the night before the sentence was to be executed. Since the war he had been engaged in mining.

C. Ogle Tayloe, of King George county, died suddenly of apoplexy at his home, near the Hopyard, Saturday. Mr. Tayloe was engaged in hauling hay from the field. He started to walk to the house when he fell. He was taken home, where he soon expired. He is survived by a widow and one son.

Matriculation this year in the different colleges of the University of Virginia has been as follows: Academic, 271; engineering, 81; medical, 145; law, 192; total, 689. The men are unusually old, as the following statements show: From 16 to 18 years, 52; from 18 to 20, 189; from 20 to 22, 202; from 22 to 24, 123; from 24 upwards 123.

Because of a misunderstanding of orders the police in Norfolk yesterday closed up cigar stands and bootblack establishments, and warned drug stores not to sell cigars. When protests began to overwhelm Police Chief Bousha, he immediately rescinded the order issued by the sergeants, and as a result many of the drug stores resumed the sale of cigars in the afternoon.

Secretary Morton has approved the recommendation of the Naval Board of Construction for the award of the contract for the construction of the armored cruisers Montana and North Carolina to the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, at its bid of \$3,575,000 for each vessel, and the contract for the construction of the battleship New Hampshire to the New York Shipbuilding Company at its bid of \$3,748,000.

Virginia Republicans.

President Roosevelt has decided to take heroic action in settling questions arising as to the distribution of federal patronage in Virginia, but his plan puts it in the hands of Representative Sloop and his friends. There was a conference at the White House last week between President Roosevelt and Representative Sloop, Mr. T. L. Moore, attorney for the Western District of Virginia; Judge Lunsford L. Lewis, of Christiansburg, and one or two others. At this conference the President said in plain language that he proposed to allow the patronage to be distributed to and by the men who accomplished things for the republican party in Virginia, and that he was tired of the continual squabbling over the matter. It was at the suggestion of the President that it was decided that Mr. Sloop should call a conference of the republican members of the Legislature, which should name a committee of three to make recommendations to the President when appointment to federal offices in the State came up. The President said he would follow these recommendations wherever possible. The decision of the President to recognize Mr. Sloop unequivocally will have some effect on the federal officeholders of Virginia. It is rumored that there may be a change at the clerkship of the United States Court for the Eastern District, a position now held by George E. Bowden, of Norfolk. There was a tremendous slump in the republican vote in Mr. Bowden's district last fall. It is said that personal relations between Mr. Sloop and State Chairman Agnew are pleasant now, and that there will be no attempt to disturb Mr. Agnew in the quiet tenure of the job which he holds and has held so long as collector for the Sixth Internal Revenue District at a salary of \$4,500.

Young Woman Murdered.

The body of Miss Rose White, the 18-year-old daughter of Harlan White, was found near Chapmanville, in Logan county, W. Va., Saturday. The young woman had been murdered, and considerable mystery surrounded the affair. The first bit of evidence which may lead to an arrest came to light yesterday morning when a brand new clenching iron was found lying in the snow about 200 yards from the spot where Miss White's body was discovered. An investigation has revealed that this clenching iron, which was stained with blood, was purchased the night before the murder at a store in Chapmanville by a well-known young man, whose home is 10 miles from the White estate. This young man is missing.

It is said that two years ago, while Miss White was still a school girl, this young man was a constant caller at her home. It is stated that the police are upon the trail of the alleged murderer, and that his capture is but a question of a few hours.

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For Caton. [Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.] Richmond, Va., Dec. 19.—Mr. Barksdale received a setback in his candidacy for lieutenant-governor yesterday, when Burton Brenaman and others he had counted on told him they were for Mr. Caton. The Halifax man left much discouraged and said Mr. Caton had many men he had expected to be strong for him; that he counted largely on the Martin people and most of them are out for Mr. Caton.

To Examine the Wreck. New York, Dec. 19.—Today divers will be sent down into the wreck of the steamboat Glen Island to search for the bodies of the nine people who lost their lives when the vessel was burned to the water's edge, early Saturday morning. Nearly all of the victims, it is believed, are held fast in the underbody of the wreck. The Starin company has commissioned a wrecking company to search for the bodies, and report on the condition of the boat. What remains of the boat is sunk about three miles from Glen Cove village, about 300 yards from shore. At low tide the bow is about 100 feet from the shore.

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Fifty-Eighth Congress.

Washington, Dec. 19. SENATE. The session of the Senate today lasted just four minutes. Mr. Perkins was in the chair, having been so designated by the presiding officer, who has left for his home in Maine. Less than a score of Senators were in their seats, at the opening prayer. They were western and southern members who expect to spend the holiday season in Washington, and Senators from nearby States. The reading of the minutes of the last legislative day was not completed. Adjournment was then taken until Wednesday.

Several bills were reported by a House messenger and nominations received from the President. The public galleries were well filled, but they were soon vacated.

HOUSE.

The floor was practically deserted not more than fifty members being in their seats, when the public House met at noon today. On motion of Mr. Payne, of New York, the republican floor leader, it was agreed that adjournment today would be to Wednesday. The claims bills reported by the committee of the whole on Friday were then passed. These bills were held up on Friday by a point of no quorum, raised by Mr. Maddox. Today being suspension day, Speaker Cannon took from the calendar unfinished business, the bill opening up to homestead settlement the relinquished and undisposed of portion of the Red Valley Indian reservation in California. When the House adjourned for the last session, this bill had to floor, but Representative Livernash talked it to sleep by consuming all the time up to the hour of adjournment. Mr. Livernash had 15 minutes time left over, from last session, and he consumed it today in further attacking the bill. He said the purpose of the bill was to give the land squatters. It should be given, he declared, to the fifteen thousand landless Indians of Northern California.

Mysterious Recluse.

Mystery marks the story of Elvora W. Chapman, seventy-five years old, an inmate of the Polytechnic Hospital, in Westchester, New York. Up to the time of his admission to the institution, Chapman lived as a recluse and valuable painting of his own and a quantity of antique furniture in an old mansion owned by the city in a remote section of Pelham Bay Park. Chapman was found ill in the old mansion. After his removal to the hospital a young man named Eugene McClure was arrested for taking pictures and furniture from the house. This incident brought to light the fact that Chapman had been in his early days a prominent marine and landscape artist, and at one time was a member of the military staff of former Gov. Wise, of Virginia. When McClure was arrested, Henry Wise, a lawyer, appeared on behalf of Chapman as prosecutor. Wise says that he is a grandson of the former Virginia governor, upon whose staff Chapman served. Many years ago Chapman became estranged from his wife and friends in Virginia and dropped out of sight. Mr. Wise said that hearing of the robbery of Mr. Chapman, he made an investigation, and recognized the once prominent Virginia artist in the old man at the hospital.

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